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1. SAM NUJOMA LEFT DAR ES SALAAM 01 FEBRUARY FOR LUSAKA WHERE, ACCORDING TO TANGOV MINFORAFFAIRS SOURCES, HE WILL STAY AT LEAST THROUGH FRIDAY 3 FEBRUARY.
2. ACCORDING TO WHAT MINFORAFFAIRS DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA/ MIDDLE EAST MWASAKAFYUKA (STRICTLY PROTECT AT HIS REQUEST) TOLD CHARGE, NUJOMA HAD A "DIZZYING" EXPERIENCE HERE. ON MONDAY
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30 JANUARY, FORNMINISTER MKAPA TOLD NUJOMA THAT TANGOV PLANNED TO RELEASE ALL SWAPO DETAINEES ON 5 FEBRUARY -- THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF FOUNDING OF CCM POLITICAL PARTY. NUJOMA WAS "SO VISIBLY SHAKEN" THAT TANGOV REVERSED ORIGINAL DECISION AGAINST LETTING NUJOMA SEE NYERERE AND ON TUESDAY 31 JANUARY NUJOMA WENT TO BUTIAMA AND MET WITH NYERERE. NUJOMA ASKED NYERERE TO RECONSIDER DECISION TO RELEASE SWAPO DETAINEES

BECAUSE "MANY OF THEM WERE SIMPLY CRIMINALS". NYERERE ASKED NUJOMA TO SEND TANGOV A LIST OF WHO SWAPO REGARDED AS CRIMINALS BEFORE 5 FEBRUARY CCM CELEBRATIONS, AND TANGOV WOULD MAKE FINAL DECISION THEN, MAYBE TURNING ANY IT AGREED WERE "CRIMINALS" OVER TO SWAPO OR BACK TO GOZ IN LUSAKA. NUJOMA AGREED.

3. MWASAKAFYUKA COULD NOT CONFIDENTLY SAY WHAT NYERERE'S PURPOSES WERE IN APPROVING ORIGINAL DECISION TO RELEASE SWAPO DETAINEES 5 FEBRUARY, OR WHY HE DECIDED TO SUSPEND DECISION PENDING RECEIPT OF NUJOMA'S LIST. HE DID KNOW, HOWEVER, THAT MINISTRY OF FORNAFFAIRS ARGUMENTATION THAT ACCOMPANIED RECOMMENDATION TO NYERERE FOR RELEASE (WHICH MWASAKAFYUKA SAID HIS OFFICE PREPARED) WAS BASED ON TWO POINTS. ONE WAS RELATED TO HUMAN RIGHTS. AS HE TOLD CHARGE, "THOSE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL BOYS HAVE BEEN SPURRED ON BY THEIR NOBEL PRIZE" AND "TANZANIA SHOULD NO LONGER BE EMBARRASSED ON THIS ISSUE FOR OTHERS' REASONS. (NOTE: MWASAKAFYUKA HAD SEEN A LIST OF THOSE TO BE RELEASED THAT INCLUDED PAC AND ANC DETAINEES AS WELL.) THE OTHER POINT WAS TO SIGNAL NUJOMA THAT TANGOV THOUGHT TIME WAS CRUCIAL NOW FOR OBTAINING BEST DEAL ON NAMIBIA INDEPENDENCE, AND "TANGOV NOT PREPARED TO AID AND ABET NUJOMA'S DEILLY-DALLYING ANY LONGER."

4. THAT SECOND POINT WAS FOLLOWED UP BY NYERERE AT BUTIAMA, ACCORDING TO MWASAKAFYUKA (WHO WAS NOT THERE BUT SAID HE GOT CONFIDENTIAL

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INFORMATION FROM MINISTRY OFFICIAL WHO WAS). NYERERE REPORTEDLY TOLD NUJOMA TO FACE FACTS OF LIFE ABOUT ZAMBIA'S AND ANGOLA'S WISH FOR PEACE ON THEIR NAMIBIA BORDERS AND OF PROSPECT THAT MANY STATES INCLUDING SOME OAU ONES WOULD RECOGNIZE A NON-SWAPO LED INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA IF SWAPO SEEN AS INTRANSIGENT IN NEW YORK NEGOTIATIONS IN FEBRUARY. NYERERE URGED NUJOMA TO FORGET ABOUT WALVIS BAY ("LOOK AT CUBA'S TEMPORARY ACCEPTANCE OF GUANTANAMO BAY") AND TO PUSH FOR PRINCIPLES THAT (1) SWAPO WOULD BE RECOGNIZED AS MAJOR AFRICAN NATIONALIST GROUP IN NAMIBIA ("THAT ALREADY IMPLIED BY WHO INVITED TO PROXIMITY TALKS"), (2) ELECTIONS WOULD BE FREE AND OPEN AND SUPERVISED BY "LARGE ENOUGH UN PRESENCE", AND (3) SAF TROOPS WOULD BE "IMMOBILE AND INEFFECTIVE" DURING TRANSITION AND COMMITTED TO LEAVE IF REQUESTED BY INDEPENDENT NAMIBIA GOVERNMENT.

5. COMMENT: ONE CHECKS HOW ROSY ARE HIS GLASSES WHEN EMERGING FROM THAT KIND OF BRIEFING FROM MWASAKAFYUKA. IN DAR ES SALAAM PRESS CONFERENCE AFTER HIS RETURN FROM BUTIAMA 31 JANUARY, NUJOMA CONTINUED HARD LINE WITH STATEMENT (ACCORDING TO 1 FEBRUARY LOCAL PRESS) THAT "SOUTH AFRICA MUST WITHDRAW ALL ITS FORCES FROM NAMIBIA BEFORE UN-SUPERVISED ELECTIONS

TAKE PLACE." MWASAKAFYUKA'S COMMENT TO THAT WAS SIMPLY:
"NUJOMA HAS A LOT TO TALK ABOUT NOW WITH HIS EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE IN LUSAKA THIS WEEK."

6. OUR OWN CONTACTS WITH SWAPO DURING NUJOMA'S DAR VISIT
SUPPORT VIEW THAT NUJOMA THROWN CONSIDERABLY OFF STRIDE HERE.
LOCAL SWAPO REPS TRIED TO BE HELPFUL TO US IN OBTAINING
NUJOMA'S SCHEDULE FROM HIM BUT AFTER NUJOMA'S MEETING WITH
MKAPA THEY ABRUPTLY CEASED TO BE COOPERATIVE, PRESUMABLY ON
NUJOMA'S INSTRUCTIONS.
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